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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Dear Mr. Waddell:

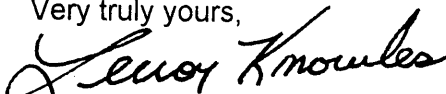
Re: Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.
Company ID: 128221
Compliance with Section 65-4-125 of
Tennessee Code Annotated

Enclosed is an affidavit from Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. sworn to and subscribed by me as the Executive Vice President of that company as the company's attorney, James W. Dempster, informs us that we need to comply under the interpretation which he has received from you and from the Authority's legal department.

Mr. Dempster stated that your office and the office of the TRA Legal Department told him, by way of telephone, that it was the intention of the Legislature that companies that own and operate facilities in Tennessee with the value of more than \$5,000,000 did not have to file a corporate surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Dempster stated that, looking only to the language of the Act and the contents of the letter as punctuated, he did not come up with the same interpretation; however, he stated that since TRA was aware of the intent of the Legislature, BLC should disregard the comma after the words and figures and letter "Section 65-4-301(b)" and read the following phrase "or any telecommunications service provider that owns and . . ." with the exception portion of the sentence and not with the first part of the Act.

Please advise us if the enclosed affidavit satisfies your letter of August 16, 2000, relative to the subject requirement.

Very truly yours,



Levoy Knowles
Executive Vice President
Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.

LK:bw

Enclosure

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8/21/00

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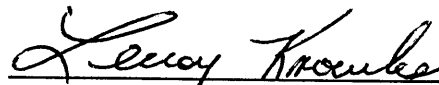
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Levoy Knowles, Executive Vice President of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc., Company ID 128221, after being duly sworn, do hereby certify that:

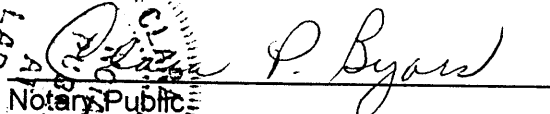
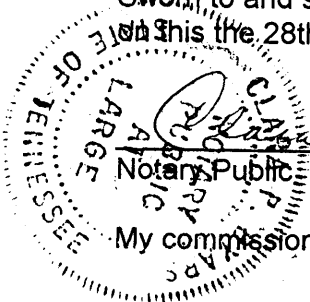
As of the date of this affidavit, August 28, 2000, Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. owns and operates equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value of more than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) and currently is adding plant under construction every working date. A balance sheet for June 2000 is attached and made a part of this affidavit by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of August, 2000.



Levoy Knowles
Executive Vice President
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me,
on this the 28th day of August, 2000.



My commission expires: April 29, 2003

##02 BEN LOWAND COMMUNICATIONS
BALANCE SHEET - BEN LOWAND COMMUNICATIONS

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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH
TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
PREPAID EXPENSES
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PLANT IN SERVICE

AMORTIZABLE ASSETS

LESS: DEPRECIATION RESERVE

TOTAL PLANT

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
LINE OF CREDIT - CO BANK
ACCRUED TAXES PAYABLE
ACCRUED PAYROLL

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OTHER ACCRUED LIABILITIES
UNMATURED RENTS
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES
OTHER LIABILITIES - COBANK

CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
9,971.92CR	7,750.00CR
6,286.32	.00
117,285.98CR	146,375.35CR
3,400,000.00CR	.00

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

4,509,283.36CR 400,188.20CR

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

OTHER CAPITAL
RETAINED EARNINGS
NET INCOME/LOSS FOR PERIOD

1,250,000.00CR	250,000.00CR
613,276.33CR	341,840.44CR
42,155.92CR	149,008.87CR

SUB-TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES

1,905,432.25CR 740,849.31CR

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND
STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

6,414,715.61CR 1,141,037.51CR